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SUBJECT: REPORT THAT NKOMO, MUGABE REJECT UK PROPOSAL

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT REPORT FROM FBIS 42. BEGIN TEXT.

MOZAMBIQUE: NKOMO, MUGABE REJECT UK PROPOSAL. PARIS

AFP IN ENGLISH 1208 GMT 8 DEC 77 PA.

MAPUTO, DEC 8 (AFP) -- RHODESIAN AFRICAN NATIONALIST

LEADERS JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE TODAY JOINTLY

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TURNED DOWN BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN'S

INVITATION TO ATTEND TALKS IN LONDON ON THE REBEL

COLONY'S FUTURE.

THE TWO LEADERS OF THE ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT ALLIANCE

TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE:

"THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FINDS NO CAUSE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS UNTIL DR. OWEN CLEARLY RECOMMITTS HIMSELF TO HIS ORIGINAL UNDERTAKING TO WORK FOR A TRANSITIONAL AGREEMENT INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF (RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN) SMITH AND THE RHODESIAN FRONT AND THE DISMANTLING OF THE SETTLER FORCES AS NECESSARY PRECONDITIONS FOR FINDING THE WAR WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE."

"UNTIL DR. OWEN FULLY COMMITS HIMSELF TO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS," THEY ADDED, "THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL FIND MORE TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON FIGHTING THE WAR AGAINST OWEN'S COLONIAL FORCES, RATHER THAN CARRY ON TALKING."

DR. OWEN ISSUED HIS INVITATION EARLIER IN THE WEEK. MR. MUGABE REJECTED IT AND MR. NKOMO ACCEPTED. THE TWO LEADERS THEN MET HERE FOR TALKS YESTERDAY.

BOTH LEADERS EMPHASIZED IN A JOINT STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE STILL IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA. "HOWEVER, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REMAINS FIRM THAT THE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN THE CONTEXT OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION BY ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN THE COUNTRY."

MR. NKOMO TOLD THE CONFERENCE THAT THIS DECISION HAD
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BEEN SENT IN WRITING TO DR. OWEN, WHOM HE SAID WAS TWO-FACED ABOUT THE ISSUE, SOMETIMES BEING FAVORABLE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, AND AT OTHERS STANDING UP FOR PERMIER IAN SMITH AND BRITAIN'S COLONIAL INTERESTS.

CRITICIZING BRITISH PRESS REPORTS THAT HE (MR. NKOMO) WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF ELECTIONS, MR. NKOMO SAID THE STAND OF THE FRONT HAD ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR. MR. MUGABE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT CEASEFIRE NEGOTIATIONS WERE AT PRESENT IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT SORT OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INSTALLED. END TEXT.

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